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Items 67 and 68 (a) and (b) of the preliminary list\*

**Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States**

**Maintenance of international security: prevention of violent disintegration of States; stability and development of South-Eastern Europe**

### **Letter dated 19 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly**

I have the honour to bring to your attention the joint declaration made in Skopje by Boris Trajkovski, President of the Republic of Macedonia, and Petar Stojanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria, on 15 May 2000, during the official visit to the Republic of Macedonia of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, on 15 and 16 May 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under items 67 and 68 (a) and (b) of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Naste Calovski  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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**Annex to the letter dated 19 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly**

**Joint declaration**

Mr. Boris Trajkovski, President of the Republic of Macedonia and Mr. Petar Stojanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria, during Mr. Stojanov's state official visit to the Republic of Macedonia, reviewed the situation in South-Eastern Europe and regional security.

Highly appreciating the efforts of the international community for the stabilization of the situation on Kosovo, both of the Presidents confirmed their full support to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo and the KFOR mission and their determined steps towards the prevention of violence and towards democratization. At the same time, they expressed their concern with the obstacles to the implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and call upon all concerned sides to abandon all forms of violence and to make their contribution to providing public order and security.

On this occasion, both of the Presidents reiterated their commitment to the full and principled implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

President Trajkovski and President Stojanov are convinced that it is necessary to establish a democratic and multi-ethnic society in Kosovo, in which all human rights and freedoms, including the rights of persons belonging to all ethnic communities, will be respected and they furthermore condemn all tendencies for an ethnically clean Kosovo.

President Trajkovski and President Stojanov condemn all forms of violence and extremism on any side, which maintain the tensions that are beneficial only for those who oppose the resolution of the crisis. They are especially concerned with the attempts of extremists to extend the conflict in southern Serbia, which serves the purposes of those who wish to spread the conflict in the neighbourhood.

Both of the Presidents advocate the return of all internally displaced persons and refugees to their homes on Kosovo. They express their support to the efforts of the international community to conduct a population census in Kosovo on the eve of the forthcoming local democratic elections. All ethnic communities on Kosovo need to take political responsibility for the situation on Kosovo.

Both of the Presidents pointed out that the provision of lasting peace, stability and prosperity in the region is only possible if greater-nation state and grand-nation concepts are abandoned and only if all issues and problems are resolved peacefully and by way of a dialogue, with full respect of all generally accepted international and European standards and principles. Therefore, they express their commitment to full respect of the existing borders and furthermore that they are resolutely opposed to any attempt for their reshaping.

In this context, President Trajkovski and President Stojanov support the efforts for prompt implementation of the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe, which is

aimed not only at assisting the countries in the region to overcome the consequences of the Kosovo crisis, but is also aimed at supporting the countries in the region in their efforts towards democratization, economic reforms and larger security, which will accelerate their rapprochement with the European processes and standards.

In this respect, both of the Presidents express their support to the democratization of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which will enable its inclusion in the Stability Pact and will homogenize the democratic area in South-Eastern Europe.

President Trajkovski and President Stojanov express the hopes of their peoples that in the new millennium a new atmosphere will be created in the region. The signing of the declaration of 22 February 1999 between the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Bulgaria is a proof that the countries in the region can turn to the future. This is confirmed by the recently adopted Charter on Good-neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in South-Eastern Europe.

The Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Bulgaria are prepared, together with their neighbours, to design the new image of South-Eastern Europe, which will facilitate the common efforts towards European and Euro-Atlantic integration. They are convinced that the greatest guarantee for the further prosperity of the region is the full integration of these countries in NATO and in the European Union.

Expressing their readiness to undertake joint efforts for the maintenance of the stability in the neighbourhood and for prosperity of the region, President Trajkovski and President Stojanov call upon other leaders in South-Eastern Europe to join them in these common efforts.

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**Information from Non-Self-Governing  
Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e*  
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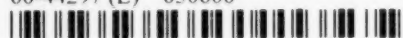
**Report of the Secretary-General**

1. Under the terms of Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations, "Members of the United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government" undertake to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General information "relating to economic, social and educational conditions in the territories for which they are respectively responsible other than those territories to which Chapters XII and XIII apply". In addition, the General Assembly, in several resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 54/83 of 6 December 1999, requested the administering Powers concerned "to transmit or continue to transmit to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 *e* of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned".

2. The table annexed to the present report shows the dates on which information called for under Article 73 *e* of the Charter was transmitted to the Secretary-General in respect of the years from 1998 to 2000.

3. The information transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter follows in general the standard form approved by the General Assembly and includes information on geography, history and population and economic, social and educational conditions. In the case of Territories under the administration of New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the annual reports of the Territories also include information on constitutional matters. Additional information on political and constitutional developments on Tokelau is given by the representative of New Zealand during

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meetings of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Supplementary information is also made available by New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States concerning Territories under their administration.

4. In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, including in particular resolution 54/83, the Secretariat has continued to use the information transmitted in the preparation for the Special Committee of working papers on each Territory. The Special Committee has taken this information into account in formulating its decisions on these Territories, which are set forth in the relevant chapters of the Committee's report to the General Assembly at its current session (see A/55/23 (Part II)). The report also contains an account of the action taken by the Special Committee in implementation of resolution 1970 (XVIII) (*ibid.*, chap. VIII).

## Annex

# Dates of transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and period covered<sup>a</sup>

|                                                                | Information received in 1999                   |                | Information received in 2000 |                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                                | Date of transmission                           | Period covered | Date of transmission         | Period covered       |
| France <sup>b</sup>                                            |                                                |                |                              |                      |
| New Caledonia <sup>c</sup>                                     | -                                              | -              | -                            | -                    |
| New Zealand (1 July-30 June) <sup>d</sup>                      |                                                |                |                              |                      |
| Tokelau                                                        | 23 April 1999                                  | 1998-1999      | 31 March 2000                | July 1999-March 2000 |
| Portugal                                                       |                                                |                |                              |                      |
| East Timor <sup>c</sup>                                        | -                                              | -              | -                            | -                    |
| Spain                                                          |                                                |                |                              |                      |
| Western Sahara <sup>f</sup>                                    | -                                              | -              | -                            | -                    |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland           |                                                |                |                              |                      |
| Anguilla                                                       | 19 April 1999                                  | 1996-1998      | 9 May 2000                   | 1997-1999            |
| Bermuda                                                        | 17 May 1999                                    | 1997-2000      | 3 May 2000                   | 1997-2001            |
| British Virgin Islands                                         | -                                              | -              | 9 May 2000                   | April 2000           |
| Cayman Islands                                                 | 19 April 1999                                  | 1997           | 3 May 2000                   | 1998                 |
| Falkland Islands (Malvinas)                                    | 19 April 1999)<br>11 May 1999)<br>17 May 1999) | 1997-1998      | 5 May 2000                   | June 1998-July 1999  |
| Gibraltar                                                      | 17 May 1999                                    | 1998-1999      | 3 May 2000                   | 1999                 |
| Montserrat                                                     | -                                              | -              | -                            | -                    |
| Pitcairn                                                       | 19 April 1999                                  | 1998-1999      | 9 May 2000                   | April 2000           |
| Saint Helena                                                   | 11 May 1999)<br>1 June 1999)                   | 1998-1999      |                              |                      |
| Turks and Caicos Islands                                       | 20 May 1999                                    | 1998-1999      | 8 May 2000                   | 1998-2003            |
| United States of America (1 October-30 September) <sup>g</sup> |                                                |                |                              |                      |
| American Samoa                                                 | April 1999                                     | 1994-1997      | -                            | -                    |
| Guam                                                           | April 1999                                     | 1992-1997      | -                            | -                    |
| United States Virgin Islands                                   | April 1999                                     | 1993-1997      | -                            | -                    |

<sup>a</sup> For a preliminary list of Territories to which the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960) applies, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/5446/Rev.1), annex I.

<sup>b</sup> The Government of France has not transmitted information under Article 73 e of the Charter, but it has made available to the Secretariat a report on the situation in New Caledonia in 1999.

<sup>c</sup> According to its resolution 41/41 A of 2 December 1986, the General Assembly "considers that, in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV), New Caledonia is a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter".

<sup>d</sup> Period extends from 1 July of the year listed to 30 June of the following year.

<sup>e</sup> The United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor established by Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999, is endowed with overall responsibility for the administration of East Timor, until the Territory achieves independence.

<sup>f</sup> On 26 February 1976, the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that "the Spanish Government, as of today, definitely terminates its presence in the Territory of the Sahara and deems it necessary to place the following on record: ... (a) Spain considers itself henceforth exempt from any responsibility of an international nature in connection with the administration of the said Territory, in view of the cessation of its participation in the temporary administration established for the Territory ..." (A/31/56-S/11997). For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1976*.

<sup>g</sup> Period extends from 1 October of the previous year to 30 September of the year listed.